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## MOTION BY SUPERVISOR YVONNE B. BURKE

September 18, 2007

## **EXTENSION OF REWARD FOR QRISTYONN AUGUSTINE AND HOLLIS ROBERTS**

On March 27, 2007, the Board of Supervisors approved a reward offer of \$25,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person(s) responsible for the heinous and senseless murder of 18-month old Qristyonn Augustine and the wounding of Mr. Hollis Roberts. The reward was extended on June 19, 2007, but will expire on September 23, 2007.

On Monday, March 26, 2007, shortly after midnight, Rebekah Harris was dropping off her friend Hollis Roberts at the 900 block of East 94<sup>th</sup> Street at Wadsworth Avenue in southeast Los Angeles. Ms. Harris' two children, her 18-month old daughter, Qristyonn Augustine, and her 4 year old son, were also in the car. Suddenly, a car pulled up adjacent to their vehicle and shot over 10 bullets at their car, injuring Mr. Roberts and mortally wounding Qristyonn, who was shot in the face as she was still strapped in her car seat. Qristyonn, who was taken to Miller's Children Hospital in Long Beach, was taken off life support systems and was pronounced dead just before 7:00PM. Mr. Roberts was brought to a local hospital, but has since been released and is recuperating at home.

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The suspect's vehicle is described as a tan or brown Oldsmobile Cutlass 88,

possibly a 1994 – 1996 year model, with tinted windows and chrome rims. Anyone

possessing information is encouraged to provide the information to the Los Angeles

Police Department's Southeast Division Detectives Unit.

As of today, the perpetrators of this heinous and vicious crime remain at large.

Anyone who has no regard for the lives of innocent children is a danger and menace to

society. While this murder and attempted murder occurred in an area known for gang

activity, according to police, the victims did not have any known gang ties and were

most likely the random target of gang violence. Detectives from the Los Angeles Police

Department state that the offer of a reward may encourage individuals to come forth

with information which may aid in this investigation. The City Council of the City of Los

Angeles will also be offering a reward for information.

THEREFORE, I MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS approve the

extension of the \$25,000 reward in return for information leading to the arrest and

conviction of the person(s) responsible for the heinous and senseless murder of 18-

month old Qristyonn Augustine and the wounding of Mr. Hollis Roberts.

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